

1 Peter 1:23 KJV

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS

The Agbodo's-Togo, W. Africa & The Facenda's, South Korea



Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

HEBREWS 4:12 KJV

FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND OF THE JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART.



Sunday School @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM

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PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)
Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)
Buchanan, Gary (Prostate Cancer)
Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)
Cratty, Dale (Ms. Nora's friend-Uterine Cancer.)
Deitz, Beverly (Friend of June Fox-Cancer)
Driggers, Bill (Prostate Cancer-Radiation)
Duvall, Larry (Debbie L. Brother-Melanoma cancer. His brain tumor is also growing again.)
Egan, Evalee (Steven's 1st cousin-Stage 4 Cancer)
Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)
French, Jan (Friend of Carol E. -Lung Cancer & caregiver, Marcie)
Henry, Larry (Prostate Cancer)
Holland, Glenda (Friend of Steve & Harriett Angel-Leukemia)
Houck, Amy (G. Bowles' Niece-Breast Cancer-50 years old)
Howard, Pam (Friend of A. Jones-Lung Cancer.)
Jones, Brian (Chemo treatment for Brain Tumor is affecting his liver)
Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother -Surgery & Chemo.)
Loftis, Katie (Skin cancer-lymph nodes.)
Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)
Magers, Harland (Friend of Jane Weaver-Brain cancer 46 yrs old)
McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)
Pollard, Wanda (D. Green's friend-Bone Cancer.)
Pritchett, Marie (Cousin of the LaVigne family-Aggressive form of cancer.)
Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)
Teem, Katherine (Shaye & Cheryl's Aunt 89 yrs old-Leukemia)
Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)
Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)
Megan (Daughter of Pastor Marty & Pam Masitto- Radiation treatment on her hip.)
Fitzgerald, Michelle (Mike F. sister-Breast Cancer.)

SERVICEMEN Prayer List

PFC Gavin Robinson-Army, Germany (Bowles' grandson)
Cameron Barzotti, US Navy (Bowles' grandson)
Schweinsaupt, Jonathan (Deployed for 6 months.)
McGaha, Jay (Pastor's nephew- Marines)

PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)
The Vance Family (Physical needs)
Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)
Poe, Debbie (Squamous Cell Carcinoma in her mouth.)
Dehart, Dawn (Detached Retina- Recovering from surgery.)
Dayanand, Sharon-Passing of her husband, Sam.

PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth
Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)
Marty & Pam Masitto -Their health and God's leading.
Moore, Mike (Healing from a broken vertebrae after a fall.)

PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)
Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)
Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)
Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)
Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' -Health issues.)
Blankenship, Janie (Health Issues/Gout.)
Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)
Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)
Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)
Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)
Connerly, Sue & Leroy (Sue has Lewy Body dementia and her husband, as he cares for her.)
Cottongim, Phyllis (Physical needs and Norm caring for her.)
Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister -Physical needs.)
Dillard, Terry (Broken arm from a fall-Surgery and now in the Nursing Home)
Douglas, Loretta (Longtime friend of Arlene D.-Possible Leg amputation.)
Gennett, Julie (Friend of G. Bowles-Health issues.)
Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)
Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)
Hatcher, Mike (Health issues-needs to see a doctor.)
Henry, Jimmy (General health after a liver transplant.)
Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)
Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)
Johnson, Teresa (VCS Lunchroom Lady-Health issues)
Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)
McCoy, Terry (Pastor's Friend-Health needs.)
McKinney, Jake (Friend of Pastor-Car accident-Long recovery.)
McMahan, Braydon, Beth & Eden (Eden has been diagnosed with PCH- Pontocerebellar Hypoplasia, Type 2A. Pray for all of them.)
McMahan, Mag (Please pray for her and her caregivers.)
Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia and her daughter has she cares for her.)
Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes'-Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)
MuKherjee, Sam & Nikki (Carol E. granddaughter and husband. Salvation.)
Pate, Ronda (Carol Einstein's Daughter-Liver complications)
Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)
Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)
Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.)
Smith, Wayne (Salvation)
Southard, Steven (Removal of surface cell melanoma on his back on 9/17)
Spink, Linda (Carol E. 1st Cousin-Bacteremia-Serious condition in the hospital in CA. Her daughter, Tracy is caring for her.)
Stin, Jenifer (Jewish lady who needs salvation)
Sumner, Mark (Health issues.)
Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)
Willis, Amy (Mother of VCS students. Has had 2 miscarries and is now pregnant again. Prayers for a safe pregnancy & delivery.)
Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)
The Gray Family (Special request)
Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)

Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident- HE GOT TO GO HOME! Still needs prayer for complete healing.)

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH!

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY!

**PRAY FOR OUR
MISSIONS CONFERENCE!**

Announcements
& Upcoming
Events

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 13th @ 8:00 AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast
VCS Cafeteria

Sunday, September 14th, 10:00 AM

New College & Career Class
with Pastor Jody
(Upstairs classroom)

Monday, Sept. 15th @ 7:00 PM

Church Bible Study
"The Case Against Calvinism" Week 5



September 17th-21st
Missions Conference
@ VBC

Please sign up at the
Welcome Center for attendance
count for food preparations.
Thank you.

Saturday, September 20th @ 8:00 AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast @
Shoney's in Franklin

Thursday, September 25th

Widow's Luncheon @
Yao's in Candler
(Meet in the VCS parking lot @ 10:00 AM.)

Faith Promise 2025-2026

\$105,000.00 Budget

September Monthly Faith Promise

Offerings: \$1,726.00

Missions: The Investment you can
Bank on for Eternity!

Monthly Payout: \$8,621.00

Thank you for giving to Missions!

PRAY FOR VCS

Home Game-Volleyball

Lady Cardinals vs Gastonia

09/16 @ 4:00 PM VCS GYM

Lady Cardinals vs Southview

09/19 @ 4:00 PM VCS GYM

Our girl's volleyball team is
phenomenal. Please come out and
support them and our
athletic program @ VCS.



If you would be interested
in attending the Oct. 11th
game @ 2:30 PM, please
let the office know.
Ticket Price: \$16.00



The Agbodo Family

Your Missionaries to TOGO (West Africa)



"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." Ephesians 6:23-24

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Dear Pastor, church family, and praying Friends,

No matter what is happening right now in the world, we need to keep in our mind the Lord because He will always be there for us.

Isaiah 41:10 said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." In this letter I will focus on our mission church at Tsevie. From five souls saved in the beginning, the attendance is now between 55 to 60 adults and children between 40-50.



All the ministries are growing but sometime discouragement comes where the funds are not there to face so many needs:

Needs:

Right now, we need \$3,367 to finish the toilettes for children that were enrolled in our Christian school. We need more toilettes for their accommodation. We need to finish that project for next year's school calendar according to the inspector. If you can help that would be great.



Prayer Requests

Most of my prayer requests are still like:

- End more supporting churches
- Finish projects (buy land and build the temple of the church)
- Reach more villages with the gospel.
- Funds for transportation.
- May the Lord bless more all our supporting churches, pastors, and friends.

Serving Him Together,

The Agbodo Family

Missionaries to Togo, West Africa

From December 2024 to May 2025, God has moved in mysterious ways to hold two big major conferences:

First one was the fundamental Baptist Churches in Maritime Region of Togo:



Second One was women conference:



Dear Praying Friends,

We praise God for all He has done this summer, and we trust this update will be an encouragement to you.

On the Home Front

Yae-Chan, our oldest son, had a tremendous time as a counselor at the Wilds Christian Camp this summer. He had the chance to lead a few campers to the Lord and see many others progress in their walk with the Lord. After camp, Yae-Chan went back to his grandparents' house for five days and then started as a freshman at Bob Jones University. He is enjoying his first semester so far, and we are excited to see how God grows him through the college experience.

Yae-Sun was able to participate in Camper In Training (CIT) at the Wilds this summer and is praying about working there next summer. He is continuing to grow in the Lord and has many gospel conversations with classmates of various religious backgrounds. Pray for his continued spiritual growth and fruit from his labor for the Lord.

Hyae-Lan is working on finishing two school years in one so she can enroll as a senior in high school when we go back on furlough next year. She is a huge help in our ministry at church and continues to grow in the Lord.

Hyae-Jin has started piano lessons. God has given her quite an ear and a love for the piano. She also has a good time with friends and being involved at church.

Yae-Joon continues to love his preschool. He has made some very close friends and is picking up Korean. He loves to pray on Wednesday night and asks good questions about heaven and hell. Please pray that he will be saved soon.

Brethren, pray for us! We have one kid who is a freshman in college and one who is in pre-school and three in between. (I will wait a moment while you control the laughter so you can continue reading the letter!) In all seriousness, we praise God for each of our children and are excited to see God's will unfold for them day by day.

On the Church Front

Our church is small but growing stronger week by week. Brother Jin-Hyung, who has been saved only a few months, is growing in the Lord, and his growth is obvious. Brother Sung-Il has agreed to be our translator while we are on furlough and is doing a great job growing into that role. Rachael has been meeting with the ladies once a month for Bible study and fellowship for the past number of months. The ladies are being strengthened and having many questions answered. One dear lady who has struggled with her spiritual walk for years now seems to have firm assurance of salvation and is reading her Bible. We pray she will be baptized soon. Sister Soe and her daughter Ji-Ah have been coming every week and are well integrated into our fellowship. She is planning on joining officially in a week or so. We have also had several visitors over the summer. None have stuck, but it is encouraging when God sends new faces.

God has given us the opportunity to build relationships with several unsaved folks. Rachael has had several good opportunities to share the gospel with her students recently. They are very hostile to the gospel, but seeds have been planted. Please pray for fruit unto eternal life.

This Spring, Yae-Joon was in the hospital with pneumonia. While he was checked in, Rachael made cookies for the nurses on our floor. Because of this act of kindness, we are now teaching an English class at church each week. We are working wisely and diligently for gospel opportunities. Please pray for these nurses to be saved.

In my last prayer letter, I mentioned a man named Lary, a New England native with whom I have tried to share the gospel. A few months ago, Hyae-Lan and I happened to be walking by and noticed he didn't look well. As we talked, it was obvious that he was in distress. We called his wife, and she was able to get him to the hospital. He is better now. Please pray that God will use this event to soften his heart to the gospel.

Your love, prayers, and support mean so much to us. May God continue to bless you all

In Him and for Korea Jonathan, Rachael, Hyae-Lan, Hyae-Jin, Yae-Joon Facenda

From the Heart of a Pastor –

“Our Need for Heroes”



From the Heart of a Pastor – “Our Need for Heroes”

Our world is desperately in need of role models worth following. Authentic, real heroes. People of integrity, whose lives inspire us to do better, to climb higher, to stand taller. This has always been true. Maybe that is why biographies of great men and women have fascinated me throughout my life. I can still remember the first **Bible** I owned because of the colorful pictures of various characters throughout its pages.

There was Noah, surrounded by every animal in the zoo, riding out the storm. There was Joseph with his coat of many colors, looking at the angry faces of his brothers. Next was Moses, leading the Children of Israel across the dry bottom of the Red Sea as the waters were miraculously pushed aside.

Then there was Samson with his arms outstretched between two marble columns. Jonah was being swallowed by a whale. Mary was pouring oil on Jesus' feet. The list went on and on. This was my first taste of the love of books, and of biographies, and it has only intensified over the years.

In the late 1930s, Carl Sandberg finished a four-volume masterpiece entitled, *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and The War Years*. As Sandberg sought for an appropriate title for the seventy-fifth chapter, covering the events immediately following Lincoln's assassination, he settled on a quaint line from an old woodman's proverb, “A tree is best measured when it's down.” In Sandberg's opinion, not until a life is “down” can we adequately measure its length of significance, its breadth of impact, its depth of character.

What is true of a great president named Lincoln is equally true of a once great king named David. Maybe it is the fact that he was his father's last choice. Maybe it is his uncanny way with a harp and a slingshot. Maybe it is his unwillingness to kill a madman because he feared God even more. Then again, perhaps it is his shocking humanity and the resulting fact that we cannot out-sin God's ability to forgive. Whatever it is I find myself increasingly drawn to the shepherd-boy turned king over and over again.

I simply like him! His story gives me hope while at the same time terrifies me into a closer walk with The Shepherd of our soul. I see so many things in him I wish I had; and so many things I'm scared to death I do have. All you need in order to relate to him is membership in the human race. His story is proof once again that truth is far more intriguing than fiction.

Let us be reminded that he is the only one is all of *Scripture* to be called “*a man after God's own heart*.” He is mentioned in the *New Testament* more than any other *Old Testament* personality. Poet, musician, warrior, and statesman, he distinguished himself as one of God's greatest men. In battle, he modeled invincible confidence. In decisions, he judged with wisdom and equity. In loneliness, he wrote with true transparency. In friendship, he was loyal to the end.

But as we will learn, he, like us, is far from perfect. Having earned the trust and respect of the nation, he forfeits it all in a brief season of sensual pleasure. In the days and years that follow, we continue to learn more about this man; his lustfulness as a husband, his weakness as a father, his inconsistencies as a leader. It's all there, written so that we can learn. And since our world is desperately in need of heroes worth following, here is one deserving of our time and attention.

Just as with a might oak that is beginning to grow tall and strong – the real strength was beneath the surface. And so is the case still today – when others may not see anything impressive at all – God sees what He wants to make us be! What does He see when He looks into your heart?